

Subject: Cedillo Weekly: Riverside Bridge, Granny Flats, and Safety of Fig
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Greetings,

This was a busy week. We started with two press conferences on Monday, one to celebrate a new bridge in Cypress Park, and another to celebrate the passage of SB1069-ADUs. We also celebrated Lunar New Year with my colleague Councilmember David Ryu. I am happy to report that my colleagues have voted to move forward with a street vending policy that does not criminalize individuals that are trying to earn an honest living.

The field was plenty busy installing new dog waste bags in Glassell Park, opening a new bridge with a protected pedestrian/bike lane, installing a new traffic signal on Figueroa, Keeping It Clean in Pico Union, and attending the Mayor's Consolidated Plan community meeting in Lincoln Heights.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

Gil Cedillo
Councilmember, First District

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
ADUs Get Thumbs Up from the State


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(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Monday, Councilmember Cedillo welcomed Senator Bob Wieckowski to Los Angeles for a press conference to highlight the passage and enactment of SB 1069—Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The most extensive bill on accessory dwelling units to be signed in almost 15 years, SB 1069 reduces significant barriers to building ADUs, often referred to as granny flats, helping to alleviate the housing crisis that exists statewide.

To read more, click [here](#).

Lunar New Year: Year of the Rooster

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(Photo Credit: Council Photography)

On Tuesday, Councilmembers Gil Cedillo and David Ryu recognized the 2017 Lunar New Year with a presentation and celebration in Council Chambers. The Year of the Rooster began on Saturday, January 28th, and lasts until February 15th, 2018. People born in the Year of the Rooster are characterized as honest, energetic, intelligent, flexible and confident. A special presentation took place during council, complete with lion dancers and drums, followed by a reception at the forecourt.

Street Vending Decriminalized


(Photo Credit: Vibe.com)

On Tuesday, the street vending issue was brought to City Council. After nearly two years in the committee process, recommendations for a citywide ordinance were brought forth with instructions to the City Attorney to draft an ordinance without criminalizing street vending in Los Angeles. In light of the national attention on immigration, the City wants to help immigrants assimilate to its social fabric, not penalize them.

The City Attorney will now draft the ordinance and run it through the committee process. Click [here](#) to read the committee recommendations.

FIELD UPDATE


New Dog Waste Bag Dispensers at Glassell Park Recreation Center

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(Photo Credit: City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks)

Team Cedillo strives to keep our community clean and support animal welfare. Together with the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council, a need was identified for waste dispensers to help pet owners keep our park clear of dog waste. This week, the Department of Recreation and Parks installed three new dog waste dispensers across the park and the Glassell Park Neighborhood Council will help replace the bags. Team Cedillo plans to install more dispensers over the next six months.


Riverside Drive Bridge and Roundabout Now Open

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(Photo Credit: Council Photography)

On Monday, Councilmember Cedillo and Mayor Eric Garcetti, celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Riverside Drive Bridge and Roundabout. The new Riverside Drive Bridge is a smooth-curved bridge (approximately 1200 ft. in length) that includes a barrier protected auxiliary lane for pedestrians and bicyclists. This project is the first vehicular bridge in the City of LA that has a Class I Bike Path. At the end of the bridge, is a new multi-lane roundabout, which includes landscaping and a public art feature. This is the first modern multi-lane roundabout in the City of Los Angeles.

Safety Improvements Continue on Figueroa

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(Photo: Fredy Ceja)

On Thursday, Councilmember Cedillo was joined by students from Monte Vista Elementary School and Academia Avance High School, in celebration of the traffic signal installation on Avenue 51 and Figueroa Street. Figueroa was identified by LADOT as a High Injury Network (HIN) street, having a high occurrence of collisions.

Since taking office, Councilmember Cedillo has partnered with LADOT to implement the following public safety improvements along North Figueroa:

- Increased the amount of time for pedestrians to cross on crosswalks (to 21 seconds) along Figueroa from Avenue 50 - Avenue 60.
- Placed a full traffic signal on Avenue 55 and Figueroa.
- Placed a full traffic signal on Avenue 51 and Figueroa.
- Secured funding for rectangular rapid crosswalk beacons on Avenue 60, Avenue 35 and Avenue 41 and Eagle Rock Blvd.

Berendo Middle School "Keeps It Clean"

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([Video](#): Emmanuel Solis)

On Thursday, Team Cedillo joined the parent volunteers of Berendo Middle School for a community clean up in Pico Union. More than 10, thirty-gallon trash bags were filled during the clean-up. Special thanks to Los Angeles Conservation Corps for their continuous support to maintain our streets clean. #KeepItClean

Consolidated Plan Meeting in Lincoln Park

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(Photo Credit: Sharon Lowe)

Last night, a meeting was held at the Lincoln Heights Senior Center to discuss the City's Consolidated Plan. Each year, the City of Los Angeles receives federal grant funds to assist businesses to create jobs; provide job training for adults and youth; improve neighborhoods through projects that eliminate slum and blight; provide affordable housing, domestic violence shelters, and fair housing services. Participants were invited to review and comment on the Mayor's Annual Consolidated Plan Draft Budget.

Clean Scene

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(Photo Credit: BOS)

Thank you to the Bureau of Sanitation for helping us 'Keep It Clean' on Bellevue.

NEWS UPDATE **Business Tax Renewal**

(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

The Los Angeles Office of Finance is reminding entrepreneurs, business owners, and individuals that conduct business activities within the City of Los Angeles that it's time to submit their Business Tax Renewal Form.

The filing period ends February 28, 2017, and businesses are encouraged to avoid lines or delays by filing early online or at City Hall. The Office of Finance

has a newly updated website that makes it easier than ever to submit the form online from any kind of device: finance.lacity.org.

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